

HAVE YOU HEARD THE BAD NEWS?

IS THE NEWS LOCAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL?

IT'S LOCAL, VERY LOCAL

NO, I HAVEN'T HEARD IT

MY WIFE RAN OFF WITH ANOTHER MAN

BOY, YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE FOR A MINUTE

DAVE COVERLY 11/17/93

I'M TRYING TO THINK OF ALL THE THINGS I MIGHT RUN INTO ON SATURDAY. IT'S KIND OF SCARY.

MAYBE I CAN...

I DON'T WANT TO MESS UP ON MY FIRST BABY-SITTING JOB. CAN WE GET ME A MANUAL OR SOMETHING?

YOU DON'T REALLY NEED ...

OR MAYBE THERE'S A NUMBER I CAN CALL AND TALK TO SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS ABOUT TAKING CARE OF KIDS.

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SPIDER-MAN, DESCEND TO THE STREET!

NOW THERE'S A RECEPTION WAITING FOR ME DOWN BELOW

THEY PROBABLY WANNA THANK ME FOR TEACHING PRESTON A LESSON!

DON'T COUNT ON IT, SPIDEY!

I'M SORRY I WAS LATE TO A PARTY. I GOT CALLED IN A MORTEN OF TEMPORAL ASYNCHRONY AND BRIEFLY BECAME A WITNESS TO THE FUTURE.

DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M MUTTONHEADED ENOUGH TO BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT?

gesundheit.

"GESUNDHEIT"? ... WHAT KIND OF IMPERTINENT ANSWER IS THAT?

Achoo!

BY DAVE COVERLY FOR THE FUTURE

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WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HIM ALL EVENING, Y'ALL. COULD WE CHANGE THE SUBJECT?

YOU'RE REALLY SOMEONE WHEN YOU DOMINATE THE CONVERSATION AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN THERE, EH?

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LET'S TRY AN IN-THE-HAND METAMORPHOSIS!

WHOA! YOU ARE DARING TODAY.

YIPES! WELL, I CAN'T START THE CAR WITH THEM, BUT AT LEAST I'VE FOUND MY SUNGLASSES!

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IT'S THE FIRST TIME
HE'S EVER ASKED TO
BRING A LITTLE
PLAYMATE HOME FOR
DINNER...

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I HATED TO
SAY NO

CHAD BROWN

A cartoon illustration by Mike Meyers. On the left, a castle sits atop a hill under a cloudy sky. In the center, two figures are running towards the right. The figure in front is Scarecrow, depicted as a scarecrow with a long, pointed straw hat and a tattered shirt. He is running quickly. Behind him is Igor, a small, round character with a large nose, wearing a dark suit and carrying a briefcase. Igor has a speech bubble above his head that says "IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN." To the right of the runners is a rectangular signpost with a black border. Inside the sign, it reads: "ALTHOUGH THEY NEVER MET... THE SCARECROW AND IGOR HAD MUCH IN COMMON." At the bottom left of the illustration, there is a date "5/27" and a credit line: "Drawn by Nicholas Meyer Grayson, Inc. ©1986 Grayson Inc. http://www.grayson.com".

WHY ARE THERE NO CHARMATIC LEADERS ANYMORE?

CABLE TV.

SCANDAL IS THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY TO FILL NEWS PROGRAMS. THEY'LL GO AFTER YOU, TOO

I'LL NEED A DIVERSION.

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A GREAT NEWS STORY, I WILL NOT TAKE FERTILITY DRUGS!

THEY'RE IN YOUR COFFEE!

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CANINE

ANTHROPOLOGY

Sorry, but it's in the genes.

THERE IT IS: "L-A-P-R-A-D-O-R." I KNEW IT.

AFTER YEARS OF SCRUTINIZING THE ANCIENT TEXTS, COCOA FOUND THE SPELLING DISCREPANCY WHICH EXPLAINED EVERYTHING.

A cartoon illustration by Stayska. A man in a suit stands next to a television set. A large sign above them reads 'TV REPAIR'. The television screen displays a maple leaf. A baseball bat is shown striking the television. The cartoon is signed 'Stayska' in the bottom right corner. Below the illustration, a caption reads: "A baseball bat did it while it was watching the news."

Actor **Christopher Lee** is 76. Former Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger** is 75. Actress **Lee Meriwether** is 53. Musician **Ramsey Lewis** is 63. Actor **Louis Gossett Jr.** is 62. Country singer **Don Williams** is 59. Singer **Siouxsie Sioux** (Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 41. Rock musician **Eddie Harsch** (The Black Crowes) is 41. Actress **Cathy Silvers** is 37. Actor **Todd Bridges** is 33. Rapper **Andre (Outkast)** is 24.

School of Psychic Studies

I'D LOVE TO ENROLL BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THE ATTENDANCE!

THE SILENT AGE

						Triple Word Score	
Z	R	E	E	G	S		RACK 1
A	A	I	X	M	I		RACK 2
Y	E	I	S	T	A		RACK 3
						1st Letter Double	
B	E	A	I	R	T		RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

by JUDD

FOUR THREAT TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter (have no point value). All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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For solution, see Classified

Jacksons

V I E B X U Q N J G J D Z W T
Q N K A A H D A X A A U R P M
J G D A Y D X V N S I Q N K I
F D A S T O N E W A L L X V T
Q O M J H F T E N C A L L A Y
W R U R P A R A L I H E I N I
J E H F K D D B L G A U Z H X
V G K T N R Q O J H M M M T
K G I A H F D B C O Z A R I Y
W I V T L R Q I O N E S S E J
L E K I H F M D C A Z X W K

Tuesday's unlisted clue **LINCOLN**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: **Home Run Slagger — Jackson**

Andrew	Jesse	La Toya	Phil
Glenda	Joe	Lake	Samuel L.
Janet	Kate	Mahalia	Stonewall
Jermone	Keith	Michael	

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For solution, see Classified.

For Thursday, May 28, 1998

April 19) You might contemplate going into business with people that you have all the information necessary.

May 20) You tackle your chores with renewed vigor and oticed.

June 20) Any trips taken are short and probably related to you watch expenses during business trips.

July 22) You're in a restless mood. Try to turn your energy to the task at hand.

Oct 22) You want peace of mind, but it's a hectic time, and, and only you can do it right.

Sept 22) Dealings with pushy salespeople have you in a as firmly as you need to.

Oct 22) Lie low and avoid getting engaged in a political.

Nov 21) Co-workers feel you're being too picky.

However you really don't want things to get too dis-

22 to Dec 21) It's a bit of a blah day, with nothing just routine, and tasks are somewhat boring.

to Jan 19) A work assignment poses no challenge to your deft handling of the matter.

to Feb 18) While kicking up your heels, you have an

March 20) You're called upon to solve a particular task action, think it through.

By Bobby Wolff

The trump jack was in the wrong hand," announced a perturbed South. "I have 12 tricks if he doesn't overruff the club." "Perhaps you might have gone another way," offered North. "An overruff is less likely in hearts than in clubs." With an ace missing, South had to assume trumps were 3-2. With the even break, South needed only two ruffs to bring his total to 12 (four trumps, two truffs, four diamonds, and two clubs). Taking the direct route, South took dummy's club king and cashed the ace and king of trumps. Then he cashed his club ace and ruffed a club in dummy. He led a diamond to his nine to ruff his last club, but East's overruff ruined his day. East quickly cashed the heart ace, and the slam went one away. It was unlucky that East had the third trump, but South would have suffered the same result if West had held the trump jack and only three clubs. A sounder approach to score two ruffs is to ruff two of dummy's hearts instead of two of South's clubs. South succeeds by winning his club ace at trick one and leading his heart jack. After West wins his king and leads another club to dummy's king, South ruffs a low heart and cashes his king and queen of trumps. He leads a low diamond to dummy's jack to ruff another heart, and dummy's diamond king provides the entry to draw the last trump and claim the slam. When you are threatened by an overruff, it's safer to try for ruffs in your shortest suit.

NORTH
 ♠ A 7 6 3
 ♥ K 8 5 3
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ K 7

EAST
 ♠ J 10 2
 ♥ A 9 7 4
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 8 5
 ♥ J
 ♦ A Q 10 9
 ♣ A 8 3

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead Club queen

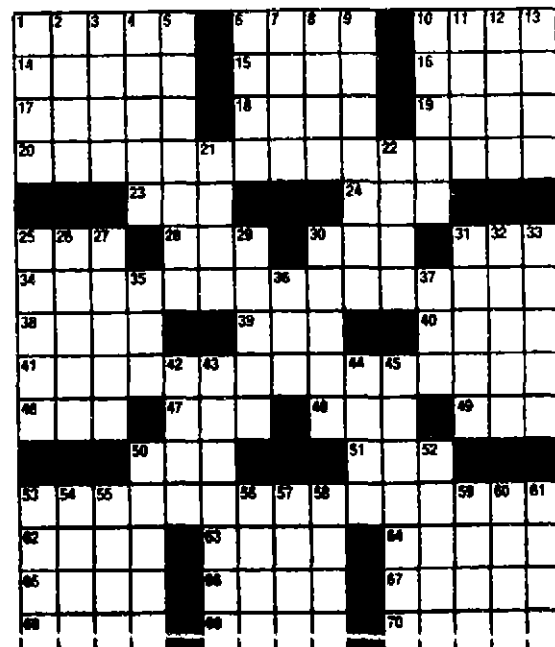
No. 0414

1 Excuse	31 Union ints	66 Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
2 Sweetie	34 Quip, part 2	67 It goes without saying
10 Muslim judge	35 Oklahoma city	68 Longitudinal boat timber
14 Italian opera center	39 ——— Jima	69 Frequenters of 49-Across
15 How draft dodgers didn't want to be classified	40 Some nest eggs	70 Organic songs?
	41 Quip, part 3	
	46 West of "My Little Chickadee"	
18 Biblical preposition	47 It often has sliding doors	
17 Seconds, of a sort	48 Baseball stat	
19 Husband of Ruth	49 Meadow	
19 Makes (out)	50 Rule out	
20 Start of a quip	51 Chemical ending	
23 Table necessity	53 End of the quip	
24 "If you — now ..."	62 Show horse	
25 Doctors' org.	63 A Ladd	
26 Kina precursor	64 1988 Olympics locale	

EAST MAKES ASAP
NEAR ELITE MYNA
INFO ALEUT OMAN
GEENADAVIS CUP
MAT LEN PROBE
ASYET CELL SUM
EAGERLY AIRS
PERRYMANSON JAR
FOXY RUMANIA
AUGUST 1981

BEIGE SEC SOI
BILLY ROSE BOWL
HAIG IVANS OPED
ALTO SEPIA NENE
GIST ASSAY ANDS

- Bit of Latin conjugation
- Peru's capital
- Holly
- Yawn-inducing
- As a substitute
- Western wolf
- Like most graffiti Abbr.
- A good one should be square
- Marketplaces
- Mission
- "My Way" writer
- Brain passage
- Medicinal unit
- Ice house: Var.
- Grp. known for its dry comments?
- Crosswise to a 68-Across
- food
- Stage comment
- Pertaining to bees
- Baffery term



Directed by Michael S. Meyer

31 Shower provider?	53 Unlit	57 Go in up to the ankles
32 Warning fire	54 Canal with a "low bridge"	58 Outcomes
33 Rabies	55 "lev" anybody down?"	59 Proper's partner
36 Hall of "The Tonight Show"	56 Armor-busting weapon	60 Folk star Redbone
38 Possess	58 Traffic sign	61 Thanksgiving dish
37 Kind of chant		
40 Bay of Indiana		
42 Down		
44 — bien		
46 Jewish festival: Var.		
50 Ill-fated tower		
52 Bond in a way		

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